

END OF EPIDEMIC IS NOW IN SIGHT

This Week Will Practical Put
Fever Out of Business.

ONLY EIGHT CASES REPORTED

Wholesale Reduction in the Working
Forces Continue—Situation in Sur-
rounding Country is Excellent, and
Quarantines Are Being Raised.

New Orleans, Oct. 17.—Unless the
federal authorities are to be greatly
disappointed the week beginning today
will mark practically the end of the yel-
low fever visitation.

The remarkable showing of only
eight new cases in the past 24 hours,
is regarded as confirming Dr. White's
prediction that the fever will ultimate-
ly die out with considerable sudden-
ness.

It is expected that during the week
there will be a considerable increase
over yesterday's low total, but they will
be followed by heavy decreases until
it is predicted one morning early in the
future New Orleans will wake up to
find no cases at all reported.

Last week there was a total of only
129 cases against 176, the week before
and of 18 deaths against 22 in the pre-
ceding week. From August 12th each
week has shown a decline. There are
now only 143 cases under treatment
and this number will soon fall within
a hundred. In the Emergency hospital
there are now only 22 cases. The
third ward, the largest in the city,
has now not a single case of fever.

Wholesale reductions of the working
forces continue. Inspectors to the
number of 115 were dropped from the
rolls yesterday at the end of their
work and more will be let go today.
There will then be 400 men at work
against 1,276 a short time ago. The
report of the Citizens' committee is
expected to show a large surplus from
the amount that was raised to fight the
fever.

Dr. J. M. Rosenau, bacteriologist
of the Marine hospital service, who was
sent here by Surgeon General Wyman
to make investigations at the Emergen-
cy hospital, has returned to Washing-
ton. In his work here he has co-op-
erated with Dr. Goldberger, also of
the service. Dr. Rosenau took with
him numerous samples of blood, etc.,
but before he left would not be quoted
as to any discoveries. Dr. Rosenau,
it is understood, however, found the
type of disease so mild that he had dif-
ficulty in obtaining the material he de-
sired. When Dr. Rosenau arrived the
disease had changed from a malignant
to a rather mild type of fever.

General improvement in state condi-
tions continue.

Lake Providence considers that the
disease there has practically been
wiped out. It has almost been over-
come at Tallulah, but President Gaines,
of the Tallulah board, has issued an
appeal to Tallulah refugees not to re-
turn until there is a heavy frost, so
that fresh material may not be pro-
vided for the disease. Only one death
occurred in the state outside of New
Orleans in the preceding 24 hours.

The lifting of some of the quaran-
tines is already bringing country peo-
ple into New Orleans, and enabling
other country people who have been
refugeeing here and elsewhere, to re-
turn to their homes.

Reports received by Dr. Warner in-
dicate that while disinfection was not
general yesterday, large numbers of
householders answered the appeal, the
lower section of the city showing up
particularly well. That is the quar-
ter in which the fever has principal-
ly raged.

The weather today was threatening,
and there was a slight chill in the air,
promising a further fall in temperature.

Union Has Been Dissolved.

Stockholm, Sweden, Oct. 17.—The
union between Norway and Sweden ex-
isting since 1814, has been dissolved,
both houses of the riksdag having pass-
ed the government bill repealing the
act of union and recognizing Norway
as a state, "Separate from the union,
with Sweden." The lower house
adopted the bill without debate, but
two or three members of the senate ex-
pressed the opinion that the dissolu-
tion was an irreparable misfortune and
that the time would come when Nor-
way would perceive the benefits of the
union. Both houses subsequently
passed the new flag law.

Preacher Refuses To Be Delegate.

New Haven, Conn., Oct. 17.—Rev.
George H. Harris, pastor of Cavalry
Baptist church, prefaced his sermon
yesterday with the statement that he
felt it his duty to decline to be a de-
legate of the Baptist church to the com-
ing meeting of the federation of the
churches in Philadelphia, because of
the refusal to admit representatives of
the Unitarian churches. Mr. Harris de-
clared the action uncharitable and un-
Christian.

Case in Supreme Court.

Washington Oct. 17.—The case of
Mrs. Mary M. Rogers, under sentence
of death of the Vermont court on the
charge of murdering her husband, to-
day was advanced by the supreme
court of the United States and set for
Nov. 6, next.

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